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SUNDAY SELLING

The president of the National Retail Merchant's Association and the president of the Variety Stores Association recently joined in urging all their retailer members throughout the nation to remain closed on Sunday during the holiday season.

This request was a reiteration of a statement issued by the two organizations in 1958 - and that statement received the support of many civic and religious organizations last year.

It is often argued, by those favoring Sunday selling, that every merchant should have the right to do as he pleases—that he should enjoy the Constitutional privilege of being able to elect to run his own business when he sa desires. Since the Constitution provides for the separation of church and state, some merchants believe that this means that no religious customs can be enforced upon any citizen.

On the other hand, the Constitution does recognize God, and takes into consideration the interest and welfare of the majority. In a recent New Jersey test, the court held that the majority interest could predominate in such considerations.

Be that as it may,— —as far as year-around practice is concerned—we would commend Nathan Gold, of the N. R. M. A., and J. S. Mack, of the V. S. A. for urging member stores to close on Sunday.

The holiday season is already beset by too much commercialism, and we think the question of Sunday selling should be decided on its own merits—aside and apart from the Christmas season.

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USE YOUR MIND

A number of us, both men and women, are guilty of failing to properly exercise our minds and improve our education, thus expanding our knowledge. This does not mean that we should be bookworms, or that we should dry up and get serious about everything.

However, in the opinion of the Editor, every citizen shares a responsibility to look into the issues which face this country, his state and local community, and try to inform himself to some degree, on the more important ones.

Too often, in our modern civilization, we are prone to do very little thinking, a great deal of talking, and little or no research or investigation, to discover the truth or improve our knowledge in various fields. It is too easy to watch television, go to a movie, or do something which requires a minimum of thought, and which is strictly pleasure, to turn aside these indulgences and indulge our brain power.

Nevertheless, it is suggested that readers find some stimulating hobby or subject in which they can interest themselves, and that they attempt to learn something about it, either by reading, studying, or by doing some pioneer or hobby work in that field.

Appomattox abounds in such opportunities.

It is disappointing to see citizens reach an advanced age with no particular knowledge in any field, except in the field of general conversation, pleasures and indulgences, and non-creative pursuits.

Every citizen should try to contribute something positive to his community, state and nation. What are we doing toward this end?

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The world has many people anxious to help you along, when you no longer require assistance.

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Be charitable, if you can, in your judgment of others; save severity for your own mistakes.

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When a citizen gets the idea that he is a little bit better than the people among whom he lives, the time has come to move along.

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Speaking of sarcasm, have you ever listened to a woman telling about another woman's ways with married men?

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If you really want to know what a fellow thinks of himself, you ought to hear him talk to a group of strangers, about 500 miles from home.

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Not many Americans read enough books. There are people who go to sleep when they try to think.

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Some people say a lot by not talking much.

The trouble with most budgets is that they operate only on paper.

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A grown-up person is one who wants nothing that he has not earned.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lesson

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Bible Material: Luke 2:8-14; Acts 11:19-26.

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7.

Christmas Grace

Lesson for December 20, 1959

CHRISTMAS TIME is giving time; but not all "giving" is Christian. When a man at a race track drops a quarter into the Salvation Army lassie's tambourine, that isn't giving, it's only a tip to Lady Luck. When you give something to your Aunt Ginny although you hate to do it, but you know your cousin is going to send her something, and you hate to offend the old lady, that isn't giving, it's just protecting your interests. When you have a "secret pal" and you put a present for him (or him) under a tree, knowing that your s.p. will have one there for you, that isn't giving, it's a game of swapping. When you give away an old garment that you don't want to be seen in any more, that isn't giving, it's just cleaning out your closet.

Dr. Foreman

True Giving

The grace of Christmas is Christian giving. When is giving Christian? When it costs the giver something, when it is worth giving, and when the one who is to receive it really needs it. I might save my money and spend a lot of it on a set of plumber's tools for Aunt Ginny, that present would cost me something but Aunt Ginny would have no earthly use for it. While it's fresh in our minds it would hurt none of us to go over our Christmas shopping list for 1959 and see how much of it was Christian.

All the same, giving is the grace, the special grace, of Christmas. It is a fitting way to celebrate God's greatest gift to us. It was about three centuries after the birth of Christ that the Christian church set a definite date for his birthday. Once begun, the church never gave up this custom. But the essence of Christmas is not Santa Claus, nor the tree nor the yule log, nor the mistletoe, nor the lights in the windows, charming as all these may be. The essence of Christmas is the grace of Christmas, and the grace of Christmas is Giving.

Not Always Things

Most of us think of gifts as things, things that weigh something on the scales, things that can be put into a pretty box and be wrapped up. Sometimes the best present may not be a thing of that kind at all. Our Bible story from Acts is as much a Christmas story as the one from Luke; for both have to do with Giving. The story in Luke tells of God's gift to us. First we see the Christians at Antioch giving the good news to that city. Since Christians had then no prestige whatever and were few in number, their "speaking to the Greeks" must have been personal conversations, not public sermons. They shared their faith, and that was the best gift of all. Faith cannot be wrapped in a package and it weighs nothing on the parcel post scales. But it is more valuable than any parcel that was insured this or any Christmas.

At Our Doors

Our Christmas-grace story from Acts also tells of a different kind of giving, which was Christian too. There are times and occasions when the "spiritual" gift is not the thing. Saint James saw this clearly. He raises the question with some one who has just sent a needy case away, with a blessing but with an empty basket. "Go in peace," this person had said, "be warmed and fed." If any one should ask him whether he gave that poor widow anything, he would have said, "Of course, I gave her my blessing, didn't I? I expressed my earnest prayer that she would find warmth and a square meal." But you didn't give her any firewood or groceries?" "No—I gave something much better because it was spiritual; a benediction." O nonsense! James says such a man's "faith" is dead. John, a spiritual man if ever one lived, wonders if such a man has the love of God in him at all. Spiritual gifts are the best gifts—but if they go along with material selfishness, they are not gifts at all. A benediction may be an expression of the grace of Christmas; but so may a sack of potatoes. A Christmas gift is one that Christ would give.

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Meyner outlines U. S. program for migrant workers.

Washington Notes

Science Reserve

A region equal in area to Europe and the United States combined has been made into a preserve for scientific research, immune fro m political and military strife.

Twelve nations, including the United States and the Soviet Union, signed a treaty on Antarctica that would establish a free-wheeling inspection system markedly different from any hitherto attempted.

Murphy Retires

Robert Murphy, former Under Secretary of State, has warned that instability or weakness in the non-Communist world could lead to Soviet miscalculations that might produce disaster for mankind.

Mr. Murphy, recently retired after a forty-year career in diplomacy, urged his country to remain strong and to make its intentions regarding its use of that strength unmistakably clear.

Panama Policy Split

The Department of Defense is opposed to concessions that the State Department would like to make to Panama, according to Pentagon sources.

They said the Defense Department was opposed to any modification of the present practice under which the United States agencies purchase in the cheapest world market merchandise for resale in the Canal Zone. The department, it is understood, is also opposed to allowing the Panamanian flag to fly beside the United States flag in the zone.

B-70 Plan Trimmed

The B-70 heavy-bomber program on which a half-billion dollars has been spent, has been practically eliminated by the Air Force.

Instead of going ahead with plans to build the big bomber as a replacement for the present B-62, the Air Force said that it was going to turn out only one or two testa models of the B-70, which is designed to fly about 2,000 miles an hour. A desire to cut defense costs and the development of intercontinental ballistic missles were seen as major causes of the Air Force's decision.

Postal Rise Fought

The Parcel Post Association has asked the United States District Court to issue an injunction blocking increased railroad rates for parcels and which are scheduled to effect Feb. 1.

The association contends concerns throughout the that sell products by mail said the Post Office Dept. had used incorrect standards.

Arms Budget

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...Robinson and ...Robins called in the ...and Mrs. C. J. Paul... Sunday P. M.

...Crite, of Charlotte, ...guest of Mr. and ...and family on Sun...

...Parlette had a part ...recital under Mrs. ...Friday night at ...

Mrs. Jack Caldwell, of ...are here for the holidays ...ents and relatives.

...Austin spent Monday ...ter, Mrs. Lewis Har...

Mrs. Curry Lawler and ...burg visited her ...R. J. Parlette Sunday ...

Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge ...her 25th wedding anni... 12.

...Staples still continues ill at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. We do hope he will soon recover.

We have three new homes going up in our village.

WHAT ATTRIBUTES MAKE A GOOD EMPLOYEE?

The following characteristics are some of the qualifications of a good employee. Check with this list and see how you rate.

1. An Employee who is punctually on the job each work day except when he or she is ill.
2. An Employee who finds satisfaction in his present job and seeks more assignments.
3. An Employee who can see himself as others see him and appreciates constructive criticism.
4. An Employee who is a self-starter—not one who only follows orders.
5. An Employee who will not sacrifice team play for personal gain.
6. An Employee who possesses sufficient self discipline to observe outlined rules and regulations.
7. An Employee who sincerely believes that his company is one of the best and has the Employee's interest at heart.
8. An Employee who has qualifications of a good employee, but the ones listed above are fundamental and will eventually lead to a successful life for both employee and employer.
9. There are many other qualifications of a good employee, but the ones listed above are fundamental and will eventually lead to a successful life for both employee and employer.

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Diner Loses Safe

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Dear Santa

Maysville, Ky.- A 5-year-old boy told a department store Santa Claus he wanted a horse for Christmas.

"How about a reindeer?" Santa asked.

"No," the boy replied. "I want a horse to do some plowing this spring and I never knew a reindeer did anything but pull your sled."

Bust Not Busted

Klamath Falls, Oregon.- At an auction a customer bought a bust of Abraham Lincoln for $1.75, then found that it was a savings bank, containing $4.50 in coins.

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Appomattox Garment Company

Christmas Banquet Schedule

Div. II, Lynchburg

December 18th

Friday Night 6:30

Bring a Guest.

Dance Afterwards, in Canteen.

Altavista, Div. III

Friday, Dec. 18th, 7:30.

Hurt School Cafeteria

Bring a Guest.

Appomattox, Div. I

Friday Night, Cafeteria

6:30 till 8:00

Each employee is allowed to bring a Guest.

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Tuesday Night, Dec. 22nd, 6:30

Bring a Guest.

Five Year Pins will be presented to eligible employees at each location.

There's The Rub

Memphis, Tenn.— A brush salesman, Stanley Brown, was recently fined $153 on a housewife's charge that he tried to force her to get into the bath tub and let him demonstrate a back-scrubbing brush.

More Inflation

Topeka, Kansas.- Rising prices have reached into a new field. The fine for jaywalking here has gone up from $2 to $5.

U. N. unit to study effects of supersonic planes.

FOR INSURANCE SEE

John P. Taylor

Phones: Office 2663; Home 2089

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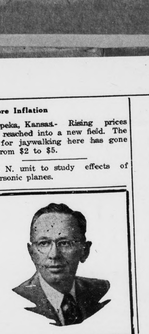

"Tambourine Lizzie"

A London theater cashier by the name of Lizzie, who learned from Gypsy performers how to play the tambourine, introduced the familiar instrument to The Salvation Army.

One night she followed a Salvation Army group as it marched out of Hyde Park, joining the drummer with her tambourine. After conversion she led Salvation Army marches through the streets of London, where she became known as "Tambourine Lizzie."

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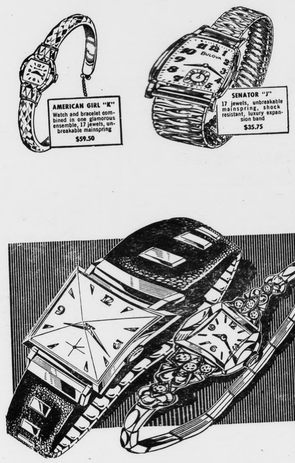

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